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(b) communicating, in the absence of an in-progress call, to the subscriber terminal data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes pre-programmed in step (a); and

(c) subsequently initiating a call from the said subscriber terminal by dialling one of the said short codes.

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12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein communicating to the subscriber terminal data in step (b) comprises communicating to a user of a subscriber terminal an off-hook signal which identifies the allocation of the short dialling codes.

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14. (Amended) A telecommunications network including:

(a) means responsive to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal for pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal,

(b) means for communicating, in the absence of an in-progress call, to the subscriber terminal data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes pre-programmed by the said means responsive to instructions from a second party; and

(c) means responsive to a short code subsequently selected by the subscriber for connecting the said subscriber to a destination number determined by the said allocation of short dialling codes.

Please add the following new claims.

--16. (New) A method of operating a telecommunications network, the method comprising:

85 (a) in response to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal, pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal;

(b) communicating to the subscriber terminal a dial tone, the dial tone offering data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes pre-programmed in step (a); and

(c) subsequently initiating a call from the subscriber terminal by dialling one of the short dialling codes.

17. (New) A telecommunications network comprising:

(a) means responsive to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal for pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal;

(b) means for communicating to the subscriber terminal a dial tone, the dial tone offering data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes pre-programmed by the means responsive to instructions from a second party; and

(c) means responsive to a short code subsequently selected by the subscriber for connecting the subscriber to a destination number determined by the allocation of short dialling codes.--